

been prepared and are being implemented. Similar Action Plans have been prepared for the cities of Chennai and Kolkata.

(vii) A network of Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Stations (290) has been set up throughout the country.

(viii) Emission standards for industries have been notified under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 to check pollution.

(ix) Industries are also required to install necessary pollution control equipment before commissioning of their plants.

(x) Industries are required to take consents from the respective State Pollution Control Boards under the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981.

Time bound Action Plans were drawn up and implemented specially for improving fuel quality, phasing out leaded petrol, reduction of benzene in petrol and notifying stricter emission norms.

UGC grants to Karnataka

***192. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN:** Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that UGC has announced reduction in amount of grants for Karnataka; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission, no such reduction has been announced.

(b) Does not arise.

Agricultural development in Tamil Nadu

***193. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ:** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of financial assistance given by Government for starting various agricultural development works in Tamil Nadu during the last three years;